SUBJECT No. 120.

Additional information in the Agricultural Gazette.

Mr. Narayanasami Chetty, Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion.—The *Agricultural Gazette* will be very useful only if statistical information as to the methods and results, outlay and expenditure connected with the activities in the Government Experimental Farm, are also furnished.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

ECONOMIC CONFERENCE.

(Nos. 121 to 128.)

SUBJECT No. 121.

Recognized corporations to send members to Economic Conference Committee.

Mr. H. Krishnasastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Withdrawn.

SUBJECT No. 122.

A Sanitary Economic Committee.

Mr. H. Krishnasastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed that a Sanitary Committee may be formed in addition to the three Committees in existence in connection with Economic Conference.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 123.

Subjects brought forward at the Representative Assembly.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Some important subjects brought forward for discussion in the Representative Assembly are also discussed at some length in the Economic Conference. The member broaching the subject in the Assembly is not allowed opportunities for the elucidation of his subject in the Conference, while the members of the Conference are not fully acquainted with the subject and have not got the same interest in the subject which the representative member has. The result is that the subject will not be fully discussed. It is therefore prayed that the member of the Representative Assembly broaching the subject may also be allowed to be present at the discussions of the Conference.

Reply of Government.—If any member of the Representative Assembly desires to attend the meetings of the Economic Conference when any subject in which he is interested is discussed, he may apply to the Secretary of the Conference who will comply with the request.

SUBJECT No. 124.

Economic Conference proceedings and discussions to be open to the public.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Government have ruled that the proceedings as well as the discussions of the Economic Conference should be conducted *in camera*. This has formed the subject of much adverse criticism. As this rule is quite against the wishes of the people, it is prayed that the same may be repealed.

Reply of Government.—Meetings in which educational matters are discussed will be thrown open to the public interested in such discussions. But the privilege cannot be extended to meetings in which industrial or other questions are considered.

SUBJECT No. 125.

Restoration of minor tanks to be considered by the Economic Conference.

Mr. V. Raghavachar, Pavagada taluk.

Summary of discussion.—There are about 11,000 minor tanks in the State. Their uses and objects are not fulfilled owing to two causes; (1) there have been no good rains for the past few years; and (2) owing to the neglect of ryots, tank beds have silted up and become shallow. Consequently, water stored in them is quite inadequate for the supply of lands below them and the *saguvali* wells under them have dried up. These tanks were formerly built by the enforcement of communal labour during the time of the *Pollegars* and Rulers of the State and were being properly maintained. Similarly, the restoration of these tanks would be useful to the State. If at least 500 of these tanks are restored every year, much good will be derived by the State within 20 years. By improving major tanks and throwing up dams across the big rivers of the State, only certain parts of the State will be benefited. It is prayed that the subject of improving the minor tanks may also be included in the list of subjects for discussion in the Economic Conference as it would conduce to the well-being of the entire State.

Reply of Government.—A good proposal. Will be adopted.

SUBJECT No. 126.

Revival of old industries.

Mr. Narayanasami Chetty, Kolar District Board.

Summary of discussion.—While we are thankful for takavi advances sanctioned for industrial enterprise, it is suggested that as the introduction of new industries is of an experimental and risky nature, enquiry might be instituted in view of reviving old industries and encouraging the same by granting loans and bonus, etc.

Reply of Government.—Specific suggestions will, if made, receive due attention.

SUBJECT No. 127.

Industrial schools.

Mr. H. Krishna Sastri, Sri Yadugiri Sadananda Vardhini Sabha, Melkote.

Summary of discussion.—Industrial schools may be established in places where there are no such schools and as a trial, it may be made compulsory for students of other schools to learn in the afternoon some one industry along with drawing.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

SUBJECT No. 128.

Industrial subjects in village schools.

Mr. Rasool Khan, Anjuman-e-Islamia, Chikmagalur.

Summary of discussion.—Arrangements may be made for teaching industrial subjects in village schools with practical demonstrations, the subjects to be taught depending upon the local products readily available in the vicinity.

Reply of Government.—Under consideration.